

The Lord's Day

December 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

To identify Jesus as the Son of the Most High is to declare that He has the same essence as the Most High God. ... Gabriel announced, and the New Testament confirms, that Jesus unquestionably was and is worthy of His divine title, because He truly is the Son of God.

John MacArthur

Prelude

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 2:6-7,12d

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.”

^{12d} Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Invocation

Hymn No. 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of angels:

***O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

God of God, Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
very God, begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of hea'v above;
glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.2

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

Confession of Christ (Responsive)

Colossians 2:6-10

⁶ As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
⁷ **rooted and built up in him and established in the faith**
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
⁸ **See to it that no one takes [us] captive by philosophy and empty deceit,**
according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world,
and not according to Christ.
⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
¹⁰ **and [we] have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.**

The Exaltation of Christ

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ **God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Hymn No. 210

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant; so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;

Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

We acknowledge God's blessings

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-33

Pew Bible pg. 855

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Matthew 1:18-23

Pew Bible pg. 807

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"
(which means, God with us).

Sermon

"What's in a Name?"

Pastor Ceselsky

Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 207

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

Danish

Postlude

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord's grace during the Postlude.

Announcements

We thank Mrs. Yuki Fisher for playing the piano for us today!

Donations are needed to the Help Fund and the Facilities Fund.

Please be sure to pick up your Christmas cards and giving envelopes for 2025 from the tables in the narthex. If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to have them for the future, please let Pastor Ceselsky know.

Our Christmas Offering this year will be made to the PCA's Ministerial Relief Fund. This fund is used to help retired pastors and missionaries and their widows when they face financial difficulties.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Dr. Dean as will be having surgery this week to repair a tendon in his knee on Friday. Please be in prayer for a full and speedy recovery.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord's son-in-law, Mike, as he recovers from a second heart surgery this past week.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to deal with his breathing difficulties.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she rehabs from another recent fall.

5. Please be in prayer for Aisquith members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who are currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY: 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service
NEXT Sunday 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper

Coming Soon

Sunday, January 12 – Taking down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary – 12:00 PM

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

Deaconesses: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: December 29, 2024

Text: Luke 1:26-33, Matthew 1:18-23

Sermon Title: "What's in a Name?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Jesus is mankind's only Savior and Lord.

Main Point 1: Jesus is Divine.

Point 1: Immanuel. (Matthew 1:23)

Point 2: Jesus. (Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:31)

Main Point 2: Jesus is our Divine Savior. (Matthew 1:21)

Point 1: Savior for sinners.

Point 2: Savior for **HIS** people.

Main Point 3: Jesus is our Divine Lord.

Point 1: Son of the Most High. (Luke 1:32a)

Point 2: Eternally reigning Messiah. (Luke 1:32b-33)